GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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IMPORT OF PALMOLEIN .
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of Palmolein imported during each of the last three years alongwith the names of countries and the reasons for such import;

(b) whether there is resentment among the oil producers of Karnataka, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and other States on the import of Palmolein oil;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have received any representation against imposition of high tariff on the import of Palmolein to safeguard the oil producers and coconut growers in the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e) & (f) : The total quantity of Palmolein imported during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 is estimated to be 14.70 lakh MT, 26.77 lakh MT and 22.14 lakh MT respectively. Malaysia has been the major exporter of Palmolein to India. The basic reason for the import is the shortfall between domestic production and demand of edible oils.

There were representations from various quarters for upward revision of import duty on edible oils. Keeping, inter-alia, in view these representations, the import duty on edible oils has been revised on 20th & 21st November, 2000.